

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Wild Land Fire/Urban Interface plan for Bingham County is the result of the efforts of numerous people who assisted in its development. It includes analysis of wild land fire risks for those areas considered at risk where development in the county meets, or interfaces with wild lands. Those areas include the Argonne National Laboratory, Atomic City, Greenfield Acres subdivision, Four Seasons subdivision, Sheep Mountain summer home area, Snake River bottoms areas, the Western fringe areas, and the Wolverine Summer home area. There are many other, solitary situations that have not been identified, but proposed mitigation actions are intended to address them as well. Hazards relative to each of the areas have been identified and are presented herein.

Included in this plan is an all-hazards analysis for the county and jurisdictions within the county. These have been ranked using a rating system. Twenty-four hazards have been identified and quantified. However, only wild land fires are discussed in this plan.

The Bingham County Plan will include these required elements:

- Documentation of the mitigation planning process.
- A risk assessment to identify vulnerabilities to wildfire.
- A prioritized mitigation strategy that addresses each of the risks.
- A process for maintenance of the plan.
- Documentation that the plan has been formally adopted.

As a result of preparing this plan, it is clear that wild land fires have been responded to as well as budgetary limits have allowed. Several mitigation actions have been identified, however, that with adequate funding could help Bingham County better prevent, and respond to fires in the future.

This initial Plan is not considered as complete, or as detailed as desired, in part because records of prior fire suppression actions are missing. Future events will be better documented and added to this plan, so that this plan will become more complete over time. Additional information on mitigation initiatives, including maps, photos, and other relevant details will be contained in files located in the Office of Emergence Management in the Bingham County Courthouse.

It is intended that, as this plan is used, updated, and improved, it will serve as a management tool in the decision-making relative to the prioritization of the expenditure of funds. It is expected that a full update of this plan will be completed every five years, but it is structured so that it can be readily updated at any time. Full public participation and review of updates shall be required for future modifications.